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SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF INDIAN DELEGATION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING OF INDO-US JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED UNOFFICIALLY FROM FICCI A LIST OF THE 11 MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27. LIST INCLUDES FIVE DELEGATES WITH FICCI AFFILIATION, TWO DELEGATES CONNECTED WITH ASSOCHAM, ONE FROM A PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISE, ONE FROM FEDERATION OF INDIAN EXPORT ORGANIZATIONS, AND ONLY TWO FROM INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

2. IACC ALL-INDIA PRESIDENT BARRY RICH WHEN ASKED FOR COMMENT ON COMPOSITION OF LIST TOLD COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT LIST WAS QUITE UNSATISFACTORY, SINCE VERY FEW PERSONS ON IT HAD ANY REAL INTEREST IN US INVESTMENT IN INDIA. IT WAS, HOWEVER, "THE BEST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED OF FICCI, AND WAS FURTHER INDICATION OF UNSATISFACTORY NATURE OF FICCI'S LEADERSHIP FROM INDIAN SIDE OF JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL ACTIVITIES". RICH FURTHER COMPLAINED THAT FICCI HAD ONLY GIVEN INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER TEN DAYS NOTICE TO CHOOSE ITS QUOTA OF TWO DELEGATES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH HAD SEVERALY RESTRICTED

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IACC CHOICE. DELEGATE LIST AS RECEIVED FROM FICCI FOLLOWS:

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PRESIDENT, FICCI  
CHAIRMAN  
PODDAR PROJECTS LIMITED

BHARAT RAM  
CHAIRMAN &MANAGING DIRECTOR  
DELHI CLOTH & GENERAL MILLS CO. LTD.  
FICCI

K.K. BIRLA  
CHAIRMAN  
ZUARI AGRO CHEMICALS LTD  
(FICCI)

HARISH MAHINDRA  
CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR  
NAHINDRA UGINE STEEL CO. LTD. P. CHENTSAL RAO  
SECRETARY-GENERAL  
(FICCI)

F.A.A. JASDANWALA  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
INDIAN STANDARD METALS CO.  
ASSOCHAM

H.P. NANDA  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
ESCORTS LTD.  
(ASSOCHAM)

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MOHD. FAZAL  
CHAIRMAN &MANAGING DIRECTOR  
ENGINEERING PROJECTS (INDIA) LTD.  
(PUBLIC SECTOR)

RAUNAQ SINGH  
CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR  
BHARAT STEEL TUBES LTD.  
(FEDERATION OF INDIAN EXPORT ORGANIZATIONS)

K.R. PATEL  
CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR  
AEICORP PRIVATE LIMITED  
(IACC)

T.T. VASU  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
RIGHTAIDS (ORIENT) PRIVATE LIMITED  
(IACC)

3. COMMENT: CONTINUED DETERMINATION BY FICCI TO DOMINATE  
MEETINGS OF INDO-US JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL THROUGH SELECTION

OF A MAJORITY OF DELEGATES HAVING CONNECTION WITH AND LOYALTIES  
TO FICCI SEEMS APPARENT IN COMPOSITION OF ABOVE LIST. THIS SITU-  
TION IS UNSATISFACTORY TO INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER WHICH FEELS  
IT HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY UNDER-REPRESENTED SINCE FORMATION OF  
JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL. INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER ATTEMPTING TO  
EFFECT CHANGE-OVER TO LEADERSHIP OF JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL AFFAIRS  
BY ASSOCHAM, OR TO OTHER ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD LESSEN FICCI  
DOMINATION. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE DESIRABLE SINCE  
IT WOULD HELP CHANGE ORIENTATION OF INDIAN REPRESENTATION TOWARD  
PROBLEMS WHICH ARE OF MOST CONCERN TO US INVESTORS IN INDIA.  
WE ARE NOT, HOWEVER, TAKING ANY INITIATIVES OURSELVES IN THIS  
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